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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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17 officers removed from nuclear watch. Safety violations, potential violations in protecting codes, and behavioral issues prompted U.S. Air Force officials to remove 17 officers assigned to watch over Minuteman missiles at North Dakota's Minot Air Force Base in April. Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/09/us/17-air-force-officers-removed-from-nuclear-watch.html?_r=0

Oil pipeline in North Dakota and Minnesota restarted after leaks. An Enbridge Inc. crude oil pipeline resumed service between western North Dakota and northern Minnesota after leaks led the pipeline to shut down twice within a week. Source: <http://www.sctimes.com/viewart/20130508/NEWS02/305080032/Oil-pipeline-North-Dakota-Minnesota-restarted-after-leaks>

REGIONAL

(Minnesota) Montevideo man's terror attack against police foiled, FBI says. A Montevideo man appeared in federal court May 6 after being charged May 3 with being a felon in possession of a firearm. While local authorities discovered Molotov cocktails, suspected pipe bombs and guns in a search of his family's mobile home, they said the general public remained safe and were not an intended target of the man. Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/206277591.html?page=all&prepage=1&c=y>

(Montana) \$5,000 reward: Explosives stolen from Forest Service. Authorities are still searching for individuals involved in the April theft of 559 pounds of explosives that were stolen from a U.S. Forest Service storage bunker near Red Lodge. The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading up to the arrest of those responsible. Source: http://elkodaily.com/news/reward-explosives-stolen-from-forest-service/article_d1193c2c-b446-11e2-9fd5-0019bb2963f4.html

NATIONAL

Refer to the **North Dakota** section item #1 and **Regional** section items #1 and 2 for related information.

INTERNATIONAL

Nothing Significant to Report

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Another Romanian national accused of hacking Subway computers pleads guilty. A third Romanian national pleaded guilty to a point-of-sale (POS) compromise and data theft scheme that affected over 100,000 U.S. cardholders and generated illicit profits in the millions of

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dollars. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Another-Romanian-National-Accused-of-Hacking-Subway-Computers-Pleads-Guilty-351937.shtml>

US convenience store chain Mapco Express hacked, payment cards compromised. The Mapco Express convenience store chain experienced a breach of customer credit/debit card information after malware was planted in payment processing systems. Customers who used credit/debit cards at Mapco Express stores during certain periods in March and April may be affected. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/US-Convenience-Store-Chain-Mapco-Express-Hacked-Payment-Cards-Compromised-351249.shtml>

US SEC warns investors of oil and gas scams. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission issued a warning to investors over the increasing number of fraud schemes involving oil and gas ventures. Source: <http://www.energytribune.com/76458/us-sec-warns-investors-of-oil-and-gas-scams#sthash.abGhzfJl.dpbs>

Alleged 'SpyEye' botmaster ends up in America, handcuffs. An Algerian man arrested in Thailand was extradited to the U.S. to face charges for allegedly operating botnets composed of machines infected with the SpyEye banking trojan and hijacking accounts at more than 200 banks and financial services institutions. Source: <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2013/05/spyeve-zeus-botmaster-indicted/>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Internet Complaint Center warns of phishing attacks posing as telecom carriers. Numerous reports of phishing attacks targeting telecom customers were sent to the Internet Crime Complaint Center, a partnership between the FBI and the National White Collar Crime Center, prompting a May 8 public warning by the center to be cautious of common targeting methods and recommendations of actions to take if customers come into contact with the phishing attempts. Source: http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/29363?c=cyber_security

AT&T settlement: company will pay \$18.25 million. The Federal Communications Commission announced May 7 that AT&T will pay \$18.25 million to settle charges on its procedures related to operating services designed for use by the deaf and hard-of-hearing. Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/05/07/att-settlement_n_3233166.html?utm_hp_ref=technology

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Compromised US media sites used to distribute ZeroAccess, Fake AV malware. ZScaler experts discovered at least 10 media and other Web sites that were compromised by cybercriminals and used to distribute the ZeroAccess Trojan and fake AV malware to visitors accessing the site using Internet Explorer. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Compromised-US-Media-Sites-Used-to-Distribute-ZeroAccess-Fake-AV-Malware-351260.shtml>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

GM recalls 43,000 hybrid vehicles for fire risks. General Motors announced the recall of about 43,000 model year 2012 and 2013 vehicles equipped with the eAssist mild hybrid system due to circuit boards in the Generator Control Module (GCM) short-circuiting and posing a fire hazard. Affected models include the Buick Lacrosse and Regal, and Chevrolet Malibu Eco vehicles. Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20130506/AUTO0103/305060402/1361/GM-recalls-43-000-hybrid-vehicles-for-fire-risks>

BMW joins massive airbag recall. BMW announced the recall of 42,000 model year 2002-2003 3-Series vehicles due to an airbag issue that has prompted recalls from several other manufacturers totaling 3.4 million recalled vehicles. Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20130506/AUTO0104/305060385/1148/auto01/BMW-joins-massive-airbag-recall>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Refer to the *North Dakota* section, item #1 for related information.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(Massachusetts) Boston Fire Department office shut over suspicious mail. An envelope containing a suspicious powder prompted the Boston Fire Department's Fire Prevention Division to evacuate May 9 and shut off the building's air system. The powder was deemed harmless after initial tests and authorities scaled down their response after testing the air quality and determining it was safe. Source: <http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2013/05/09/fire-department-office-evacuated-after-suspicious-powder-found/EohmSnHSp0Iz9zcX77yZPI/story.html>

D.C. police officer faces federal charges in Pittsburgh related to major drug ring. A District of Columbia police officer was charged for participating in a California-to-Pittsburgh drug ring and is believed to have sold up to 4 tons of cocaine between 2000 and 2009 as well as participating in laundering over \$2 million in structured cash deposits to various bank accounts belonging of over dozen involved individuals. Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/local/neighborhoods-city/dc-officer-faces-charges-here-related-to-major-drug-ring-687091/>

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ENERGY

Refer to the **North Dakota** section, item #2 for related information.

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

FDA sends three warning letters to three food companies. Three food companies received warning letters from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in regards to various violations including insanitary conditions and improperly handling food. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/05/fda-sends-warning-letters-to-food-companies/#.UYzdSbWkr44>

Rain, snow stall U.S. corn planting; pace slowest in 29 years. According to a report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. farmers have planted just 12 percent of their intended corn acres, the slowest pace since 1984, because planting was stalled by rain and late-season snow. Source: <http://www.trust.org/item/20130506231923-d6eyw>

One-third of U.S. honeybee colonies died last winter, threatening food supply. A consortium of academic researchers, beekeepers, and U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists announced that multiple factors caused nearly one in three commercial honeybee colonies in the United States to die or disappear last winter. The research revealed an unsustainable decline that threatens the nation's food supply. Source:

<http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2013/05/winter-honeybee-losses/>

Feeding wet distillers grains could spike E. coli levels. Studies by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service in Clay Center, Nebraska, showed a connection between feeding cattle wet distillers grains and E. coli levels in cattle feces. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/05/feeding-wet-distillers-grains-could-spike-e-coli-levels/#.UYev47Wkr44>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

Higher education and research community warned about DDOS attack abusing their systems. The Research and Education Networking Information Sharing and Analysis Center warned higher education communities to ensure their open domain naming system (DNS) configurations prevent hackers from abusing them for distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks, warning that these types of attacks have grown within the past year. Source:

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Higher-Education-and-Research-Community-Warned-About-DDOS-Attacks-Abusing-Their-Systems-351901.shtml>

After nearly a decade, NIST reworks federal Cyber security standards. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) released an updated version of its Security and Privacy Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations, the first major update since 2005.

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Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/After-Nearly-a-Decade-NIST-Reworks-Federal-Cybersecurity-Standards-352372.shtml>

Pentagon accuses China government, military of cyber-attacks. The U.S. Department of Defense's annual report on China's military capabilities concluded that the government and military of China have engaged in cyber-attacks to steal information for defense and industrial purposes. Source:

<http://www.cso.com.au/article/461117/pentagon-accuses-china-government-military-cyberattacks/>

(Pennsylvania) Man in custody for smoke bomb thrown at state rep.'s office. Police responded to a Pennsylvania representative's office after a suspicious device was discovered when a bottle containing green liquid was thrown at the window. Authorities also found a similar second device blocks away at Simons Community Recreation Center and took a man into custody after conducting several interviews with witnesses. Source:

<http://www.philly.com/philly/blogs/dncrime/Smoke-bomb-thrown-at-state-Rep-Dwight-Evans-office.html>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Hijacking Facebook accounts via expired Hotmail accounts. Researchers at Rutgers University found that Facebook accounts can be hijacked by requesting automatically retired Hotmail email accounts to be assigned to a new user, and then using Facebook's password reset function. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14892>

Hackers gain access to all .edu domains. The Hack the Planet (HTP) hacker group disclosed vulnerabilities in the MoinMoin wiki system and Adobe Cold Fusion that the group used in past attacks against Linode and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Hackers-gain-access-to-all-edu-domains-1858471.html>

OpUSA: Fake leaks, small website defacements, and "pedestrian" DDOS attacks. The "OpUSA" campaign of attacks against U.S. Web sites organized by various groups claiming the Anonymous label appears to have caused only minor damage or disruption, according to researchers. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/OpUSA-Fake-Leaks-Small-Website-Defacements-and-Pedestrian-DDOS-Attacks-351613.shtml>

AutoIt scripting increasingly used by malware developers. Researchers at Trend Micro and Bitdefender found that the AutoIt scripting language is increasingly being used by malware developers due to its flexibility and accessibility. Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9238968/AutoIt-scripting-increasingly-used-by-malware-developers>

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NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

(Wyoming) **Controlled burn gets out of hand at Devil's Tower.** Firefighters worked to control a blaze that began as a controlled burn at Devil's Tower National Monument in northeastern Wyoming but grew to become a wildfire. Officials closed the monument entrance road, Belle Fourche River Campground, the visitor center, and hiking trails until the fire is completely contained. Source: <http://www.blackhillsfox.com/2013/05/08/Controlled-burn-gets-out-of-hand-at-Devil-s-Tower>

POSTAL AND SHIPPING

Refer to the *Emergency Services* section, item #1 for related information.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Nothing Significant to Report

TRANSPORTATION

Nothing Significant to Report

WATER AND DAMS

Nothing Significant to Report

HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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